



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

HARTLEY *et al.*

Appl. No. 09/517,466

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For: **Compositions and Methods for  
Use in Recombinational Cloning  
of Nucleic Acids**

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### Fourth Preliminary Amendment

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Further to Applicants' Preliminary Amendments filed in this application on November 16, 2000, August 22, 2001, and November 5, 2001, and in reply to the Notice to Comply With Sequence Listing Requirements dated December 19, 2001 (Paper No. 13), and in advance of prosecution of the above-identified application, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks. These amendments and remarks are provided in the following format:

- (A) A clean version of each replacement paragraph/section/claim along with clear instructions for entry;
- (B) Starting on a separate page, appropriate remarks. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 and MPEP § 714; and
- (C) Starting on a separate page, a marked-up version entitled: "Version with markings to show changes made."

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper.